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SUMMARY: PC COUNSELOR CHOU, IN AUG 23 CONVERSATION
PRECEDING HUANG-SCALI MEETING, PRESSED US TO TAKE NEW LOOK
AT UN MEMBERSHIP AND "UN FLAG" ASPECTS OF KOREA ITEM.
END SUMMARY.

1. PRC COUNSELOR CHOU NAN DWELT ON KOREA QUESTION IN
DELEGATES LOUNGE CONVERSATION WITH MISOFFS IN MORNING
JUST PRIOR PERM REP HUANG'S NOON CALL ON AMB SCALI
REPORTED REFTEL. MEETING WITH CHOU HAD BEEN ARRANGED
EARLIER IN WEEK TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON IRANIAN DISARMAMENT
PROPOSAL (SEPTELS). AT AUG 23 MEETING, HOWEVER, CHOU,
PUTTING CONVERSATION ON "PERSONAL" BASIS, TOOK INITIATIVE
TO PRESS US ON KOREAN ITEM, FOCUSSED ON DUAL ADMISSION
AND USE OF UN FLAG.

2. CHOU CAME DOWN HARD ON UN MAMEBERSHIP QUESTION AFTER
MISOFF (THAYER) MENTIONED US SUPPORT FOR ROK POLICY IN
RESPONSE TO CHOU'S REQUEST FOR SUMMARY OF US POSITION.

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WE HAD SPOKEN OF THREE-POINT POLICY IN GENERAL TERMS

AND HAD NOT REFERRED TO POSSIBILITY OF MEMBERSHIP LANGUAGE IN UN RESOLUTION, BUT CHOU CHOSE TO INFER THIS, STATING THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY US MIGHT SUPPORT ANY ROK EFFORT TOWARD MEMBERSHIP SINCE SUCH AN EFFORT FOREDOOMED BY CLEAR DPRK POSITION THAT HAS UNEQUIVOCAL PRC SUPPORT. WHEN WE VOLUNTEERED THAT WE HAD HEARD CORRIDOR SPECULATION MONTH AGO THAT DPRK POSITION MIGHT SHIFT, CHOU STATED FLATLY THAT IT WOULD NOT SHIFT AND NEITHER WOULD CHINESE POSITION. SINCE THIS IS FACT, CHOU WENT ON, US SUPPORT IN UN FOR ANY ROK ADMISSION EFFORT WOULD LEAD CERTAINLY TO DIFFICULTIES THAT WOULD BE "UNNECESSARY."

3. CHOU'S DISCUSSION OF "UN FLAG" WAS SEEMINGLY PROMPTED BY MISOFF'S INFORMING HIM THAT, WHILE WE SHARED ROK FLEXIBILITY ON UNCURK, AS ARTICULATED IN PRIMIN KIM'S JUNE PRESS STATEMENT, WE ALSO NATURALLY SHARED CONTINUING ROK CONCERN FOR ITS SECURITY AND FOR STABILITY OF PENINSULA: UN MUST DO NOTHING THAT COULD IMPLY WEAKENING OF SECURITY AND STABILITY. ON OTHER HAND, WE SAID, ROK FLEXIBILITY ON UNCURK AND INVITATIONS PROVIDED SUBSTANTIAL BASIS FOR PROGRESS THIS YEAR TOWARD GOALS WE AND CHINESE SHARE.

4. CHOU THEN REPEATEDLY PRESSED US TO EXPLAIN WHY FORMULATION ON "UN FLAG" CONTAINED IN LAST YEAR'S NON-ALIGNED RESOLUTION UNACCEPTABLE. TO OUR EXPLANATION OF SECURITY CONCERN AND RELEVANCE TO THIS CONCERN OF ARMISTICE AGREEMENT AND UNC, CHOU KEPT RETURNING TO "FLAG" LANGUAGE, URGING US TO RESTUDY FORMULATION TO SEE IF WE COULDN'T REACH SOME AGREEMENT. ALL THAT DPRK SUPPORTERS WISH, HE SAID, IS TO REMOVE UN FLAG FROM US STROOPS. FOLLOWING OUR REMINDER THAT US TROOPS PRESENT UNDER BILATERAL AND NOT UN ARRANGEMENTS, CHOU (AFTER QUICKLY MAKING, AND THEN DROPPING, POINT THAT CHINESE VOLUNTEERS HAD WITHDRAWN AND SO COULD US TROOPS) WENT BACK TO HIS CENTRAL POINT, STRESSING THAT ONLY NEED IS REMOVAL OF UN FLAG. TO HIS REPEATED CLAIMS OF PUZZLEMENT AS TO OUR OBJECTION TO PROPOSAL, WE AGAIN EMPHASIZED THAT NON-ALIGNED LANGUAGE OBVIOUSLY INVITED QUESTION ABOUT ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENTS AND THUS ABOUT UNC ROLE. SURELY, WE SAID, CHINESE, WHO SHARE RESPONSIBILITY FOR AS WELL AS INTEREST IN PEACE AND STABILITY

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ON PENINSULA, COULD UNDERSTAND WHY ROK AND ALLIES WOULD BE RELUCTANT TO BEGIN TO ENTERTAIN ANY IDEA OF TAMPERING WITH ANY ASPECT OF ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING "FLAG," RELATED TO SECURITY WITHOUT OUR FULLY UNDERSTANDING AND BEING REASSURED ON ALL IMPLICATIONS FOR SECURITY. CHOU WOULD UP CONVERSATION BY URGING, AS HE HAD AT SEVERAL POINTS IN THE EXCHANGE, THAT WE STUDY THE FORMULATION, SEE IF IT REALLY IS SO OBJECTIONABLE, THEN, HOPEFULLY,

"WE CAN TALK AGAIN" AND, BY IMPLICATION, WORK OUT SOMETHING FOR THIS GA.

5. ABOUT HALF HOUR OF DISCUSSION DEVOTED TO KOREA TOPIC. UNCURK WAS RAISED BUT CHOU DISPLAYED COMPARATIVELY LITTLE INTEREST BEYOND BRIEFLY CHALLENGING OUR INSISTENCE THAT ANY DISSOLUTION OF UNCURK SHOULD BE NON-PREJUDICIAL. AFTER ALL, HE SAID, MAJORITY OF PRESENT UN MEMBERS HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH UNCURK CREATION.

6. COMMENT: WE DO NOT WISH TO ATTRIBUTE EXCESSIVE SIGNIFICANCE TO THIS EXCHANGE AND WE DOUBT THAT FACT THAT THIS CONVERSATION ON KOREA OCCURRED SAME DAY AS HUANG-SCALI CONVERSATION IS ANYTHING MORE THAN COINCIDENCE. OBVIOUSLY, FURTHERMORE, CHOU'S EMPHASIS, IN DISCUSSING UNC-RELATED ISSUE, WAS IMPORTANTLY DIFFERENT FROM HUANG'S, BUT THIS PERHAPS ATTRIBUTABLE TO DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES OF TWO MEETINGS. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT CHOU'S APPARENT DESIRE TO FIND COMPROMISE (ALBEIT ON PRC'S "PRINCIPLED" TERMS) REFLECTS PRC'S APPROACH TO THIS UN QUESTION AND ITS REGRET OVER PROSPECT OF CONFRONTATION ON THIS WITH US. IN TALK EARLIER THIS YEAR WITH SAME MISOFF (E.G. MEMCON MAY 17), CHOU SHOWED ENTHUSIASM FOR CONSTRUCTIVE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON KOREA ITEM. IN SUBSEQUENT BRIEF ENCOUNTERS EARLIER IN SUMMER, HE HAD PRINCIPALLY JUST PROBED FOR INDICATIONS OF US AND ROK ATTITUDE. BUT IN THIS CONVERSATION, WHILE MAINTAINING FRIENDLY AND INFORMAL TONE CHARACTERISTIC OF OTHER CONVERSATIONS ON VARIETY OF SUBJECTS OVER PAST 18 MONTHS, HE MARKEDLY SHIFTED TO WHAT SEEMED ALMOST A PLEA FOR AVOIDANCE (THROUGH CHANGE IN US NOT PRC POSITION) OF CONFRONTATION ON, IN PARTICULAR, THE MEMBERSHIP AND UNC-RELATED ASPECTS OF KOREA ISSUE.

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7. JAPAN COUNSELOR OHTAKA, IN WG DISCUSSIONS OF KOREA ITEM, HAS INFORMED US OF SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT ATTITUDE REFLECTED BY CHOU'S SUBORDINATE, CHAO WEI, EARLIER THIS WEEK. CHAO SAID THAT IF UNGA ADOPTS A RES DISSOLVING UNC AND SYG DOES NOT IMMEDIATELY "LOWER THE UN FLAG" IN KOREA, THEN SYG WILL BE IN TROUBLE WITH MAJORITY OF UN MEMBERS. MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION HERE, CHAO INSISTED TO OHTAKA, IS MATTER OF "PRINCIPLE," AND UN MEMBERS, INCLUDING ROK SUPPORTERS, SHOULD NOT BE OVERLY CONCERNED WITH QUESTIONS OF "LEGALITY." BENNETT

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